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For: METHOD OF PROCESSING A PROTEINOUS MATERIAL, A PRODUCT SO
OBTAINED, AND USE THEREOF

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, **characterized** by using a styrene-based or acrylic-based adsorption resin that is preferably microporous, as the adsorption resin.
4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, **characterized** in that the weight ratio of the proteinous material to be treated to the adsorption resin is suitably 10:1 to 40:1.
5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, **characterized** by introducing the proteinous material through a column, filled with an adsorption resin, at a flow rate of 1 to 20